WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Subsidy on agriculture

*442. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total subsidy on agriculture as on date; and

(b) whether the Government has information as to what subsidy is provided on agriculture in the countries like U.S., Germany and Japan and if so, how much?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The total subsidy on agriculture (which includes subsidy on fertilisers, electricity and irrigation) works out to Rs. 188,555 crore in 1992——93 and Is. 19,661 crore in 1993-94. The subsidy on account of fertiliser and electricity alone has been estimated to be Rs. 15,810 crore in 1994-95 and budgeted/projected at Rs. 17,078 crore in 1995-96.

(b) No information on subsidy provided to agriculture in countries like U.S., Germany and Japan are available. However, the estimates of Producer Subsidy Equivalent (net of input subsidies and output taxes) as percentage of value of agrtcultural production, as worked out by Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for 1990 are 30 per cent, 48 per cent and 68 per cent for U.S.A., E.C. and Japan respectively.

Creation of positive trade and investment climate for agriculture

*446. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Mintster of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to create a positive trade and investment climate for agriculture vis-a-vis industry.

(b) if so, the manner in whtch it is likely to be achieved;

(c) whether Government propose to consider its objectives to develop effective system and bestow similar benefits to agriculture sector as.erist in industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (d) The draft Agriculture Policy Resolution (APR) placed in Parliament for their consideration seeks to create a positive trade and investment climate for Agriculture at par with industry and to develop effective systems and bestow similar benefits on agriculture as exist in industry. The major steps taken to achieve these objectives include substantal increase in minimum support price of agricultural commodities, reduction in controls on domestic and foreign trade in agriculture, increase in plan outlays etc.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासियों की शिक्षा हेतु विश्व बैंक की सहायता

*447. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में खासकर मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में, आदिवासियों को शिक्षित करने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा विश्व बैंक की सहायता से क्या-क्या योजनाएं चलाई जा रही हैं ;

(ख) उपरोक्त योजनाओं हेतु विश्व बैंक से कितनी सहायता मिल रही है, और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उपरोक्त योजनाएं कितने समय से चलाई जा रही हैं और अब तक मिली सफलता का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम में अनुसूचित जनजातियों की शिक्षा पर विशेष रूप से बल दिया गया है । विश्व बैंक की सहायता से यह